

IN THE CLAIMS:

All of the pending claims are included here as a convenience. Any claims that are amended with the present response are marked as such. Please amend the following claims, as indicated on the attached version which has been marked to show all changes:

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Please amend the claims as follows:

10 1. (Three Times Amended) A method for providing an electronic document, said electronic document having multiple versions, each of said versions identified by a creation time-stamp indicating a creation time of said corresponding version, said method comprising the steps of:

15 receiving a request for said electronic document, said request including a requested time-stamp indicating a time associated with a desired version of said electronic document;

identifying as a function of said creation time-stamp and said requested time-stamp a machine storing a version of said electronic document having a creation time corresponding to said requested time-stamp; and

20 transmitting said electronic document corresponding to said requested time-stamp from said identified machine.

25 2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein an address identifying said electronic document includes said creation time-stamp.

3. (Not Amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein said address is a Uniform Resource Locator ("URL").

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4. (Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein said Uniform Resource Locator ("URL") has an associated request header for indicating said requested time stamp.

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5. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting the version of said electronic document with the most recent creation time-stamp preceding the requested time-stamp if a version of said electronic document does not exist with the requested time-stamp.

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6. (Not Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said request is specified using a browser.

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7. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said requested time-stamp is a relative time-stamp.

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8. (Three Times Amended) A system for storing an electronic document having multiple versions, each of said versions identified by a creation time-stamp indicating a creation time of said corresponding version, said system comprising:

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a memory for storing said multiple versions of said electronic document in
20 an archive of electronic documents; and
a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

receive a request for said electronic document, said request including a requested time-stamp indicating a time associated with a desired version of said
25 electronic document;

identify as a function of said creation time-stamp and said requested time-stamp a machine storing a version of said electronic document having a creation time corresponding to said requested time-stamp; and

transmit said electronic document corresponding to said requested time-stamp from said identified machine.
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C6 9. (Amended) The system according to claim 8, wherein an address identifying said electronic document includes said creation time-stamp.

10. (Not Amended) The system according to claim 9, wherein said address
5 is a Uniform Resource Locator ("URL").

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12. (Not Amended) The system according to claim 8, wherein said request is specified using a browser.

C8 13. (Amended) The system according to claim 8, wherein said processor is
15 further configured to transmit the version of said electronic document with the most recent creation time-stamp preceding the requested time-stamp if a version of said electronic document does not exist with the requested time-stamp.

14. (Amended) The system according to claim 8, wherein said requested
20 time-stamp is a relative time-stamp.

C9 15. (Three Times Amended) An article of manufacture for accessing an electronic document, said electronic document having multiple versions, each of said versions being identified by a creation time-stamp indicating a creation time of said
25 corresponding version, said article of manufacture comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable program code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising program code means for causing a computer to:

30 receive a request for said electronic document, said request including a requested time-stamp indicating a time associated with a desired version of said electronic document;

identify as a function of said creation time-stamp and said requested time-stamp a machine storing a version of said electronic document having a creation time corresponding to said requested time-stamp; and

transmit said electronic document corresponding to said requested time-stamp from said identified machine.

16. (Three Times Amended) A method for resolving a domain name, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for an electronic document associated with said domain name, said electronic document having multiple versions, each of said versions being identified by a creation time-stamp indicating a creation time of said corresponding version, said request including a requested time-stamp indicating a time associated with a desired version of said electronic document;

identifying as a function of said creation time-stamp and said requested time-stamp a machine corresponding to a version of said domain name for a time period corresponding to said requested time-stamp; and

transmitting an indication of said identified machine storing said electronic document corresponding to said requested time-stamp.

17. (Amended) The method according to claim 16, wherein an address identifying said electronic document includes said creation time-stamp.

18. (Not Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein said address is a Uniform Resource Locator ("URL").

19. (Amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein said Uniform Resource Locator ("URL") has an associated request header for indicating said requested time stamp.

20. (Not Amended) The method according to claim 16, wherein said request is specified using a browser.

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21. (Amended) The method according to claim 16, wherein said requested time-stamp is a relative time-stamp.

5 22. (Three Times Amended) A system for resolving a domain name, said system comprising:

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a memory for storing a database identifying a machine storing an electronic document corresponding to said domain name for a plurality of time periods; and

10 a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

receive a request for an electronic document associated with said domain name, said electronic document having multiple versions, each of said versions being identified by a creation time-stamp indicating a creation time of said corresponding version, said request including a requested time-stamp indicating a time associated with a
15 desired version of said electronic document;

access said database as a function of said creation time-stamp and said requested time-stamp to identify a machine corresponding to a version of said domain name for a time period corresponding to said requested time-stamp; and

20 transmit an indication of said identified machine storing said electronic document corresponding to said requested time-stamp.

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23. (Amended) The system according to claim 22, wherein an address identifying said electronic document includes said creation time-stamp.

25 24. (Not Amended) The system according to claim 23, wherein said address is a Uniform Resource Locator ("URL").

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30 25. (Amended) The system according to claim 24, wherein said Uniform Resource Locator ("URL") has an associated request header for indicating said requested time stamp.

26. (Not Amended) The system according to claim 22, wherein said request is specified using a browser.

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27. (Amended) The system according to claim 22, wherein said requested time-stamp is a relative time-stamp.

28. (Three Times Amended) An article of manufacture for resolving a domain name, said article of manufacture comprising:

10 a computer readable medium having computer readable program code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising program code means for causing a computer to:

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15 receive a request for an electronic document associated with said domain name, said electronic document having multiple versions, each of said versions being identified by a creation time-stamp indicating a creation time of said corresponding version, said request including a requested time-stamp indicating a time associated with a desired version of said electronic document;

20 identify as a function of said creation time-stamp and said requested time-stamp a machine corresponding to a version of said domain name for a time period corresponding to said requested time-stamp; and

transmit an indication of said identified machine storing said electronic document corresponding to said time-stamp.

REMARKS

25 This Amendment is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated November 29, 2001. Claims 1 through 28 are presently pending in the above-identified patent application. Claims 1, 8, 15, 16, 22 and 28 have been amended. No additional fee is due.

30 Applicant thanks Examiner Colbert for the courtesy of a telephone interview on Thursday, February 21, 2002, in which the rejection over Ingrassia and, particularly, the claim limitation "each of said versions identified by a time-stamp